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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT : Discussions with [] SS/OSA, on
Beech []

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1. I advised [] that the Beech program is looking fairly good; we have had rather enthusiastic, informal response from OSI analysts on the system. On this basis, I requested that Jim initiate the earliest possible action on getting adequate clearances on key personnel at Beech, so that we might have detailed discussions and early contract negotiations.

2. I proposed to Jim that the following topics might be looked at on a more limited security access basis:

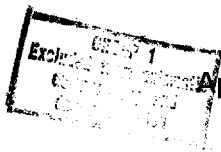
Mods to Autopilot for maneuver
Mods to control electronics for improved high altitude operation
Computer optimization of launch profile and mission profile
Engineering study of vehicle extension
Engineering study of increased Canard area
Engineering study of payload weight, space and power allocations
Generation of Program Plan, including schedule, cost, manpower, time, etc.

Jim stated that even these topics, in connection with an Agency program based on a Mach 0.72, 70,000 foot launch point would pinpoint the Agency involvement in US-2 operations so much that IDEALIST clearance would be required for the key people. He is hopeful that we would be in this position (to initiate work) in about the middle of June.

3. The additional items of work would more clearly require the IDEALIST/[] clearance:

Vehicle/Drone interface
Vehicle/Drone Adapter design
Vehicle/Drone Control wiring
Separation Dynamics

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Detailed mission planning
Flight Test Program
Operational Deployment
Drag effects and interference with performance of the
basic U-2, etc.

25X1A 4. [] has requested that security officers in
25X1A contact with Beech from prior SOD work have the Beech security
officer send DD48's (PSQ's) on the list of nine or ten key
people to [] of the OSA security office, so that
clearances may be started immediately.

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